Claims

We claim:

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constraint.

1. A method for encoding multimedia to be transmitted on a channel, 1 comprising: 2 measuring a condition of the channel; 3 measuring rate and distortion characteristics of the multimedia; 4 providing a set of error resilient source encoding procedures; 5 providing a set of channel encoding procedures; 6 providing a set of transmitter power levels; 7 providing an objective function and a constraint based on energy 8 and distortion; and 9 selecting jointly a particular error resilient source encoding 10 procedure, a particular channel encoding procedure, and a particular power 11 level based on the condition of the channel and the rate and distortion

2. The method of claim 1, in which the objective function minimizes energy 1

characteristics, while minimizing an objective function and satisfying a

- while the constraint is a distortion. 2
- 3. The method of claim 1, in which the objective function minimizes 1
- distortion while the constraint is energy. 2

- 4. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
- 2 applying the particular error resilient source encoding procedure to
- 3 the multimedia to produce a bit stream;
- applying the particular channel encoding procedure to the bitstream
- 5 to produce an output signal; and
- applying the particular power level to the output signal for
- 7 transmission.
- 5. The method of claim 1, in which the bitstream includes a plurality of
- 2 layers, and the selecting is performed independently for each layer.
- 1 6. The method of claim 1, in which the condition includes bandwidth.
- 7. The method of claim 1, in which the multimedia include JPEG 2000
- 2 images.
- 8. The method of claim 1, in which the multimedia include moving-JPEG
- 2 2000 videos.
- 9. The method of claim 1, in which the objective function is minimized and
- 2 the constraint is satisfied by analyzing an energy-distortion curve.

1	10. A system for encoding multimedia to be transmitted on a channel,
2	comprising:
3	means for measuring a condition of the channel;
4	means for measuring rate and distortion characteristics of the
5	multimedia;
6	joint source channel coding-power controller means for selecting
7	jointly an error resilient source encoding procedure, a channel encoding
8	procedure, and a power level based on the condition of the channel and the
9	rate and distortion characteristics, while minimizing an objective function
10	and satisfying a constraint;
11	a source encoder applying the error resilient source encoding
12	procedure to the multimedia to produce a bit stream;
13	a channel encoder applying the channel encoding procedure to the
14	bitstream to produce an output signal; and
15	a transmitter applying the particular power level to the output signa
16	for transmission.